

ALEXANDRIA, VA.

PRIDAY, JANUARY 5, 1877.

Were it not that toolish people are blessed with short memory, the many ridiculous anties they cut would pierce even through their obtuseness and cause them much chagrin and suffering. On the 19th of December, 1872, during an interview with Judge Campbell, of New Orleans, upon the condition of affairs in Louisiana, President Grant used these words: "It would be dangerous for the President to set the precedent of interfering with the decisions of courts," and exactly four years later, to the seau, which is valued at the fabulous sum of very day, the same man said "damn the Su. \$20,000. Their speedy marriage has been repreme Court of South Carolina."

The money at the disposal of the Secretary of War fer the transportation of troops has gress for more. As the President caused the expenditure by sending soldiers to the South and bringing them from the West to Washington for the sole purpose of intimidating democrats and assisting in forcing himself or a radical upon the country, it is to be hoped that he will decline to grant the Secretary's request.

Police of Washington, instituted and prosecuted by the Republican newspaper of that city, has resulted in an order, issued by President Grant, for the immediate resignation of the Board of Police, which consists of Messrs. Wm. G. Murtagh, President; C. H. Nichols, Vice President; H. M. Sweeney, Treasurer; James G. Berrett and Wm. H. Smith, colored.

Gen. Barlow, who was sent to Florida to assist in securing the electoral vote of that State for Hayes, but had to acknowledge that it went for Tiblen, has been so much abused by his party for doing so that during his consequent irritation be has challenged a lawyer named Root to fight a duel, and threatens U. S. Sepator Kernan with a similar missive.

The suit instituted in New York, before the plaintiff's counsel failed to appear. It was only brought as a campaign move, and was but one of the many infamous plans resorted to by the May was walking up Fifth avenue and saw Mr. bad left the stoop, and, grasping him by the radicals to defeat his election, in all of which, Bennett pass down in the direction of the Union shirt from with one hand, drew a cowhide however, they made signal failures.

Foreign News.

At yesterday's sitting of the European conference at Constantinople Savfet Pasha read a statement in support of the Turkish counter proposals, and explaining in detail grounds for opposing certain portions of the proposals of the Powers. The European Plenipotentiaries Mr. May come up to him, and, without saying taloons. He thereupon grasped Bennett, and nevertheless endeavored to induce the Turks to a word, took a light cowhide from under his with a display of wonderful strength threw him agree to debate upon points which have been overcoat and struck him on the head with it from the sidewalk nearly into the middle of the rejected by the Porte. The European Pleni- three or four times. Mr. May had no stick or street. Following up this advantage, he dragpotentiaries themselves opened discussion upon weapon of any kind in his hands, except the ged Mr. Bennett around in the snow. At this some of these points. When the conference light whip which he had brought with him for point John Hecksher interfered and separated adjourned it was to meet again next Monday. In the meantime the Plenipotentiaries will contique to use their influence to make the Porte understand that a modification of the proposal | but his assailant is considerably over six feet can only be brought about by further discus- in height and a well-known athlete, and as it

In the Chamber of Deputies at Bucharest last Wednesday night the foreign minister said he had asked for an explanation from the Porte severely. The moment Mr. May struck Mr. several heavy tets have been made as to the respecting its interpretation of the new Turkish Bennett the latter, without making the slight-result. constitution. The Porte replied that the first est attempt to ward off the blows, threw open two referred to Roumania and all other tribu- both his coats, as Mr. May supposed to draw tary States The Chamber of Deputies unani-imously passed a motion approving the conduct ment on the part of Mr. Bennett, Mr. May sion of the affair: "I was going out of the imously passed a motion approving the conduct ment on the part of Mr. Bennett, Mr. May of the Cabinet, demanding that the governconstitution. The President assured them that | rately sat down on him for a moment, but did | few minutes, and I would see some fun. He forms an indivisible unity, from which no por revolver on him. When Mr. Bennett had been an excited manner. He was smoking a eigar. tion can ever, on any ground, be detached. Ar-

Nine hundred Russian volunteers are about to return to Russia, unwilling any longer to nett was taken away from the scene of the enfight under the Servian banner. Prince Nihatine has just received orders from St. Petersburg to remain in Belgrade to advise the On reaching his residence he sent for Mr. Servian Government in military affairs. Prince Milan wishes to withdraw from Russian influence, but cannot.

An extraordinary treaty between Spain and the United States has been concluded.

A rupture has occurred between Spain and

Mosby and His Regiment.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 29, 1876. To the Editor of the New York Herald :-

In the report by your correspondent of a conversation with me I am represented as saying "that if General Grant should inaugurate Governor Hayes that I would raise a regiment to may be able to find some way out of the diffisupport him." Your correspondent misunderstood or failed to repeat fully what I did say, which was substantially this:-That, believing as I do that Governor Hayes has been fairly elected, if, in accordance with constitutional forms and historical precedents, such should be the declared result, I would sustain General tion of the affair: He said that there was not many years, and occupying a prominent posi-Grant in inaugurating him in the event of the and never had been any doubt whatever in re-Grant in inaugurating him in the event of the and never had been any doubt whatever in re-Northern democrats offering resistance. I furthermore said that I had no doubt but that decision, and leave the Northern democrats to won her affections about a year ago. The day of his uncles, Julian May, was also well-known total fully \$55,000,000 consisted of the stocks do the fighting for Tilden.

Ex-Gov. Isham G. Harris has received the democratic legislative caucus nomination for long term. The most prominent candidates was finally, by mutual consent of the parties, conciliation, they insisted upon fighting. They

Very respectfully.

JOHN S. MOSBY.

The Bennett-May Affair.

NEW YORK, Jan. 4 .- The second act growing out of Mr. James Gordon Bennett's troubles in his search for a wife was enacted after the latest fashion at 2 o'clock yesterday afternoon, on the sidewalk of the aristocratic Union Club, on Fifth avenue and Twenty-first street. At that hour the indolect habitues of the club were startled by the intelligence-which sped like wildfire through the building-that Mr. Bennett, the proprietor of the Herald, was being assaulted by Mr. Fred. May, a brother of Mr. Bennett's ex-fiance, Miss Caroline May. As nett had been paying attention to Miss May was regarded by many as being exceedingly devoted to the lady. The preparation for the marriage was discussed in various social circles from time to time ever since the trip to Canada by Mr. Bennett and Miss May last winter, when Lord Dufferin gave a grand ball at Toronto, at which Mr. Bennett and party were the guests of the evening. Rumors gained circulation at times about certain wild escapades on the part of Mr. Bennett, and following on their heels were various statements to the efgarded as a certainty for some days by the friends of the parties. There is a dispute, however, with respect to

the accuracy of the report that the day for the wedding had been fixed. Mr. Bennett's intibeen expended, and Mr. Cameron asks Con- mate friends, who have been consulted on the subject, declare such is not the case. That night to the effect that there was likely to be Mr. Bennett fully intended to marry the lady a hostile meeting of the contestants, growing because he really loved her and she reciprocated out of the assault, the gentleman replied, emthe sentiments is not denied. On the other phatically, that he did not believe a word of it. hand, the friends of the Mays assert that Mr. He said that if such a thing had been in con-Bennett went off on one of his "grandest sprees" with the deliberate intention of having his scan- something about it, and he thought, therefore, dalous conduct reach the ears of the father and that such a rumor was wholly untrue and unwill make up the deficiency out of some of his relatives or the young lady, and influence them authorized. He said, moreover, that he did numerous "perquisites," and that Congress to advise her to break off the match. They not think the lady had anything to do with the say that Mr. Bennett and Miss May were to affair, but he did not know whether the father have been married yesterday morning at an had anything to do with it or not. The war upon the gamblers and the Chief of early hour, and were to have gone to Europe in the Russia, which sailed from this port shortly the ceremony at the residence of the bride's father. The friends of the family were gathered in the spacious parlors, which were fragrant with the odors of the sweetest flowers. The lovely bride was attired in a matchless traveling dress, and never looked more beautigroom, an indispensable actor in the scene, sail at noon, those present became not a little in September, and again in October and Nobrief delay, in order to give the bridegroom drawing nigh. The gentleman stated further cuse received. At last the friends departed, brother of Miss May, the gentleman said the tached to another district. The Board of E1- urpation will be peacefully starved out. The election, against Gov. Tilden for alleged railroad operations, has just been dismissed, as the plaintiff's counsel failed to appear. It was only plaintiff's counsel failed to appear. It was only market for real estate. rage, as they regarded it.

Between 1 and 2 o'clock in the afternoon Mr. saw him enter the club house. Not being a welp drew blood with every blow. Mr. Benmember of the club, Mr. May remained cutside bett attempted to put his scientific acquire-on the street, expecting that Mr. Bennett would meats into practice, but May warded off every come out immediately, which the latter, how blow with the utmost case, and, dropping his ever, did not do. Mr. May waited for about an whip, caught his opponent by the shoulders hour on the street, until he saw Mr. Bennett and threw him upon the sidewalk, Then May, passing out from the club, accompanied by some | as he thought, observed Mr. Beonet: reaching friends. Just as he stepped upon the sidewalk | for a Derringer in the back pocket of his panthe purpose of giving the proprietor of the the contestants. Herald a public flogging.

Mr. Bennett is a well-knit, muscular man, was evident that Mr. Bennett for some reason desired to avoid using violence with him, the latter received several severe blows, one of which cut him across the face and wounded him | what Mr. Bennett will do in the premises, and struck at him with his clenched fists and knockand walked down the avenue, while Mr. Bencounter by his friends. At 50'clock Mr. Bennett having recovered from the effects of the beating, sent for his sleigh and was driven home. Leonard W. Jerome and Mr. Duncan, and a circumstances. Mr. Bennett, who, of course, honor," say that this is impossible, as the perhas been disgraced by the cowhide. The situ- were struck by either party.' ation is looked upon by Mr. Bennett's most intimate friends as exceedingly embarrassing, but they hope that with sober reflection they culty which shall be consistent with the honor later among his circle of friends, more than and outraged feelings of the unhappy young able to cope with the strongest men. He is a

circles in this city, and a warm personal friend of this city. His grandfather was also a physiof Mr. Bennett, gives the following explanagard to the fact that there was an engagement of marriage between Mr. Bennett and Miss May, the termer having wooed the lady and services in the field, was his uncle. Another for the marriage, however, had never been in Washington society. He was principal in a and bonds of the New York Central and Hudfixed, all reports to the contrary notwithstand- fatal duel which took place near Washington in son River railroads. It is understood that the ing. It had been rumored that they were to 1843 or 1844. It arose out of a quarrel with a be married in June last, and Mr. Bennett's gentleman by the name of Cochran. Both were friends believed there had been some such in- young and high-tempered, and although their United States Senator from Tennessee for the tention, but the actual day was not named. It friends made every effort to bring about a refor the short term are Mr. Key, the present postponed until the fall or winter. Mr. Ben- met near the Chain bridge, about five miles Senator, Judge Bailey, Gen. Bates, and Judge nett fully intended to marry the lady, because from Washington, and fought with rifles at versity sent information to all the professors,

Bennett was considerably surprised at this, and that they have gone to Boston, for what purat first bardly knew what to do. His first im- pose, however, remains a mystery. pulse was to elope with the girl and marry her, despite the want of consent of her father, but and concluded to wait until the affair had blown over, being, however, still determined to marry her. In order to prove that amicable relations | had existed between the family of Miss May and the family of Mr. Bennett, the reporter's informant stated that Mr. Bennett's sister was stated in these dispatches yesterday, Mr. Ben- at Miss May's house on Tuesday, and that she was also there yesterday, at the very time when for more than a year past. They appeared fre- the assault was committed by young Mr. May quently together in society, and Mr. Bennett upon Mr. Bennett. The latter had no idea whatever that any trouble was brewing. He was out riding yesterday in his sleigh, and paid a visit to the Union Club. After remaining there a short time he called for his sleigh and prepared to leave. As he came out of the club house he noticed Mr. May walking on the sidewalk. That gentleman approached Mr. Bennett and, without saying a word, struck him acress the temple with the butt end of a heavy rawhide, knocking him down. He struck him again after he was down, hitting him this feet that the engagement had been broken off. time across the nose. There was then a short There was sufficient uncertainty touching the and sharp scuille, and then friends stepped in event for a while to set fashionable circles in a and separated them. After this Mr. Bennett ferment, but the rumors and discussions were was driven home. The marks left by the enapparently stilled last week by the arrival in counter are a slight abrasion of the temple, and this city from Paris of Miss May's bridal tros- a slight scratch on the nose. "That," said the a slight scratch on the nose. "That," said the informant, "is just about all there is of it." When asked what the result would be the gentleman said that at present he was not able to state. He was sure the intention of both par ties was to be married, but that, of course, the present state of the case put an entirely new phase on the matter. When asked what he thought about the rumor in club circles last templation, he was quite sure he should know

Another gentleman, also a warm personal friend of Mr. Bennett, stated that there was before noon, on which vessel they had engaged no mistake whatever about the truth of the state rooms. Everything was in readiness for rumor, and that the engagement was entered into about one year ago. He said, however, that he did not believe that any particular day had ever been set for the marriage, and, from his personal knowledge of the affair, and his close personal relations with Mr. Bennett, he did not think it possible a day could have been ful as on this her wedding day. But the bride- fixed upon for the wedding without his knowledge. It had been rumored, he said, that they came not. As the Russia was advertised to were to have been married in April, and again solicitous when only an hour intervened before | vember, but he thought that was not so. They the departure of the steamer. Messengers were had been engaged just about a year, however, dispatched to the vessel's agents requesting a and he supposed the time for the marriage was more time within which to redeem his pledges that he knew the cogagement was finally to Miss May. But Mr. Bennett was nowhere broken off on Saturday last, but he did not visible. Was he sick, thought the expectant know what caused that action, or who had bride? He might have been, but there was caused it, or anything about it. As to the renot even a word of explanation, apology or ex | ported difficulty between Mr. Bennett and the sudden termination of the engagement.

Mr. May stepped up as soon as Mr. Bennett tions to report a bill to meet the case. Club. He followed him down the avenue, and rapidly acress his face with the other. The

> Mr. Bennett went into the club house. Fred. May spoke with several friends, and then walked up the avenue.

> It is said that a challenge is likely to be sent. if it has not already been forwarded, from Mr. Bennett, demanding satisfaction for the assault. There is the greatest diversity of opinion as to

A member of the Union Club, an eye witness of the assault on Mr. James Gordon Bennett club just after cating my dinner, when I met regard to admission to the public free schools; ment energetically protest against the Porte's ed him down on the sidewalk and then delibe. Mr. May at the door. He asked me to wait a the government would not rest until the Porte not strike him while he was down. Mr. Ben- said he intended to horsewhip Bennett. He declared in as formal a manner as the new consti- nett got up and faced his antagonist, and again told me there was no use of remonstrating with and re-enacting section 9 of an act approved tution was proclaimed that Roumania does not Mr. May knocked him down. Mr. May would him, for he was firmly resolved to do it. I form a part of Turkey. Article one of the new not have struck Mr. Bennett in the first in- went back to the club room, took off my over-Turkish constitution declared that the Ottoman | stance with his fists were it not that he believed | coat and went to the window. Mr. Bennett at empire, including its privileged provinces, the latter was armed and was going to draw a the time was walking up and down the room in cowhided and knocked down twice a gentleman | This was the first time I had ever seen him ticle seven relates to the Sultan's sovereign right, including right of investiture of rulers of privileged provinces.

Cownided and knocked down twice a gentleman of the daytime. Directly he put on his "that is sufficient." He then separated the overcoat and walked out of the door. He combatants. Mr. May buttoned up his coat stood on the steps for a few minutes, and then stood on the steps for a few minutes, and then started down. Mr. May waited until he reached the sidewalk, and, then going up to him, drew from his breast a cowhide and struck Beonett with it five or six times over the head and face. The first stroke, I think, was directly across the face. Bennett unbuttoned his coat and made a motion as if to draw a weapon. few other intimate friends, and a consultation May then clasped him around the body and was held as to what should be done under the threw him out in the street, falling on him. No blows were struck on either side. In throwfeels humiliated at his castigation, insists, it is log Bennett into the street May had lost his understood, on challenging Mr. May to mortal cowhide and reached around in the snow to combat. Those of his advisors, however, who get it. Members of the club then ran out and are thoroughly conversant with the "code of interfered. May then picked Bennett up and threw him bodily half across the street. Benson challenged cannot in honor, according to nett got up and went into the club and Mr. the code, fight a duel with an adversary who May walked away. No blows with their fists

Mr. May is a young man, twenty-four years of age, of perfect physicial proportions, which he has diligently cultivated by violent gymnastic exercises. He is regarded as a modern gladnative of Washington, D. C., and the son of A gentleman well known in literary and club | Dr. Frenerick May, the well known physician cian, pursuing his profession in Washington S. dragoons, who distinguished himself in the Mexican war by his gallant and meritorious

went off on one of his "periodical sprees," which Grand Central depot in company with a friend, fact, in due course of time, got to the ears and his movements being somewhat strange, of Miss May's father, whereupon, on Friday of attracted considerable attention. Just before last week, that gentleman wrote Mr. Bennett, the train started for Boston he and his friend withdrawing his consent to the union. Mr. entered a compartment car, and it is supposed

A later telegram, from Boston, says: This evening's train from New York brought James he afterward reconsidered that determination Gordon Bennett, of the Herald, who was accompanied by an unknown gentleman. Immedistely upon leaving the train they took a cab and drave away, apparently in great haste. Their whereabouts in the city is not yet known.

Letter from Richmond.

[Correspondence of the Alexandria Gazette.] RICHMOND, VA., Jan. 4, 1877.-The Legisature is slowly getting to work under the lead of Gov. Smith and honest John. These old gentlemen, though old in years, are wonderfully active as legislators, and are beginning to stir up things in general. Ex-Gov. Smith's liquor bill will be the first article with which the members of the House will have to wrestie, and the dexterity and case with which they get through with the proposed subject of increased taxation would indicate that they will not let the bill hang long on their hands.

All of the members of the Legislature have not yet arrived. Telegrams to their friends indicate that they have not gotten through enjoying their Christmas.

Senator Lee to-day presented in the Senate a joint resolution extending the time for the completion of the Washington and Ohio railroad branch to Winchester for five years after the 8th of December, 1876. The resolution was referred to the Committee on Roads.

The following acts have been approved by he Governor and are now laws:

Act to authorize the Auditor of Public Accounts to issue a duplicate warrant on the Treasury to R. F. Mayo in lieu of one lost. Act to amend Code in relation to corporation

udges upable to hold court. Act providing compensation to Attorney-General for services in the Supreme Court of

the United States. Joint resolution instructing the Attorney-General to delend the interests of the State in the case of the Chesapeake and Ohio Railroad Company and of J. J. McCready vs. the Com-

monwealth. To authorize the supervisors of Clarke county to issue new bonds for its subscription of \$100,000 to the capital stock of the Shenandoah Valley Railroad Company. To amend the charter of the Clarke county

Co-operative Company. Joint resolution thanking W. W. Corcoran er his gift to the University of Virginia. To amend the charter of the city of Norfolk.

To authorize the sale of St. John's Episcopal church, in Rosnoke county. The boards of visitors to the various State

institutions will, I think, be reduced. In executive session to day the Senate conidered a communication from the State Board

Committee for Courts of Justice, with instruc-The bill in relation to councilmen and con-

tracts passed the House to-day. This is Gov. Smith's bill. It now goes to the Senate. It is not generally known that only one more person can be burried in St. John's Church

burying ground in this city. This is the oldest burging ground in Richmood, and is filled. In the acres which surround the Church where Patrick Henry made his great speech there is only "room for one more," and that one is an old lady, a relative of the late venerable Dr. John Dove, who now lies buried there. When she dies there will be room for no more. She was at the funeral of Dr. Dove and saw the narrow strip of ground under which she is one

Last night between twelve and one o'clock a young lady and gentleman were seen in a close hack on Franklin street. They were looking for the Rev. Dr. Curry. There is some mystery about it, and the gossips now say that it was a runaway couple who wanted the Dr. to make them one.

Carber's line of omnibuses are to-day running on sleigh rockers-something unprecedented here.

In the House of Delegates, to-day, a till was ntroduced authorizing Mercer magisterial distriet, in Loudoup county, to subscribe to the Washington, Cincinnati and St. Louis Railroad Company, and bills passed amending section 58 of chapter 98 of the Code of 1873, in prohibiting and preventing the officers and agents of corporations from becoming contractors with the said corporations, and amending March 15, 1872, to incorporate the Washington, Cincinnati and St. Louis Railroad Company, &c., so as to exempt the county of Rappahannock from the operation of said act.

Captain Henry C. Carter, while skating tonight, fell and broke his leg.

Mrs. Col. Cutshaw, formerly Mrs. N. M. Norfleet, died suddenly this evening.

Commodore Vanderbilt.

Commodore Vanderbilt, whose death was appounced in yesterday's Gazette, was one of the wealthiest and most enterprising citizens of New York. He was born in Staten Island, N. Y., in 1794, and was raised during boyhood in comparatively needy circumstances. He began business as the master of a sail boat; became captain of a steamboat in 1817, and later built many steamboats and steamships of improved construction. In 1851 he established a steamship line from New York to California 8 to 10 per cent on the money invested. Mc-by way of Nicaragua; in 1862 he gave to the Culloch, McKinnon and Dick Taylor and all by way of Nicaragua; in 1862 he gave to the Vanderbilt," that cost \$800,000, and for which Vanderbilt, that cost \$800,000, and for which congress passed a resolution of thanks. He ginia can offer them nothing better than they was, up to his death, Chief Comptroller of the now have. Still let us hope that Col. Peyton New York Central and Harlem railroad, and has some better scheme than his predecessors had been for a number of years. His health | had to present began to fail about eight or ten months ago. and he has been waving between life and death ever since. His enterprise, genius and success are known and felt throughout the world.

A recent summary of his railroad wealth tively little real estate. His personal estate for 1876 was assessed at \$3,000,000.

correctly that Commodore Vanderbilt was the owner of securities having a present market value of about \$85,000,000, and that of this bulk of this vast property is to be kept together, and that provision has been made for reinvesting the interest accruing on it in his

favorite securities. On the news of the Commodore's death at Nashville the Chancellor of Vanderbilt Uni-Senator, Judge Bailey, Gen. Bates, and Judge Turney.

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Fifty of the recently discharged employes of the Bureau of Engraving and Printing, in Washington, were replaced in that service yesterday; but Treasury authorities assert that there is no probability whatever of any additional restorations.

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The Disputed States.

LOUISIANA. NEW ORLEANS, Jan. Jan. 4.- The bill appropriating \$200,000 for militia purposes. which had previously passed the radical House

and now goes to the Governor. The Senate also passed the bill authorizing the prosecuting officers of the State to challenge jurors in certain cases. Also a bill forbidding the organization of military companies other than the militia.

A resolution was introduced declaring the seats of all members declared legally elected which shall be vacant January 6, without formal leave of absence from the House, permapently vacant, and that new writs of election shall be issued, as prescribed by law.

The democratic Legislature has received communication from Thomas A. Adams, president of the citizens' committee, notifying the presiding officers of the House and Senate that their orders on W. C. Black, treasurer, for any amount of money they may require to the extent of his receipts will be promptly paid.

Though the term of service of the returning board expires to-day, that board has not yet promulgated the result as to the election of judges and clerks of courts in this city. This is to keep out the new judges, who have all given their adhesion to the democratic govern-

It is understood the military authorities have orders to transfer 3,000,000 pounds of ordnance and ordnance stores from Baton Rouge to New York, including 400 barrels of powder, guns, shot, shell, etc.

Both the House and Senate Committees are still engaged in hearing testimony with regard to intimidation during the election and nearly all of it is to the effect that intimidation was certainly practiced, but only upon colored dem-

SOUTH CAROLINA.

The Columbia correspondent of the Baltimore Sup, under date of last night, says : The compromise committee, consisting of three republicans and three democrats, appointed by the State Senate to deal with the question as to which of the two houses, which adjourned December 22, was the legal House of Representatives, met this afternoon, but it speedily became apparent that the differences of opinion among the six Senators were irreconcilable, and the committee could agree upon nothing excet to adjourn sine die, which they did. This leaves the contest between the two State goveroments to be fought out by the pertinacity of the carpet-baggers against the passive but resolute resistance of the tax payers. The latter took steps in Charleston to-day to organize and furnish to Hampton's administration the contribution of one-tenth of last year's taxes which have been called for to relieve the pressing wants of the public charitable and penal institutions.

Mackey made a second attempt in Charles ton to-night to obtain something like a popular [indorsement of Chamberlain, but his call for a meeting drew together only six white men and about four hundred blacks. The main point of the speeches and resolutions was that if the of Education in regard to superintendents of tax payers refused to pay taxes to Chamberlain schools. The amendments to the Constitution | the pegroes would retaliate by refusing to pay require that there shall be a superintendent for their rents. Every day renders it more cereach county. The law provides that counties tain that unless martial law be established having under 8,060 inhabitants shall be at- throughout South Carolina Chamberlain's us-

JACKSONVILLE, FLA., Jan. 5 .- The Special House Congressional Committee who have been investigating the conduct of the recent election in this State, finished their labors vesterday, having examined into the returns of Leon, Jefferson, Jackson, Manatee, Duval, Clay and Baker counties. They left this morning by steamer for Savannah, thence by rail to

Washington. By the change in the State administration the returning board on Tuesday went out of existence, after counting the democratic State and for mixed. Nothing doing in Bye or Oats candidates in, but giving the electoral vote to and none offered. Hayes. The question is now raised whether the Supreme Court of the State has the right to order the democratic State officers who form the new returning board, to recanvass the elec-

VIRGINIA'S DEBT .- The Washington correspondent of the Baltimore Gazette of this morn-

"Mr. Peyton, of Philadelphia, who is said to represent several millions of dollars of Virginia's indebtedness, passed through this city tonight on his way to Richmond, where he will confer with Hon. Alexander H. H. Stuart, chair-man of the finance committee of the Virginia House of Delegates, with the view of funding and consolidating the entire lebt of that State st a reduced rate of interest. The debt now amounts to nearly fifty millions of dollars, of which it is claimed that one third should be paid by West Virginia, but which is entirely repudiated by that State. Over twenty millions of this indebtedness are held in England. The plan now suggested is a preparation of the plan to consolidate the debt, and its submission to a meeting of creditors to be called for the purpose. A further step in the plan will be the selection

of an agent by the Virginia Legislature to go to England and ascertsin the views of the creditors in that country as to the proposition to fund the debt. For this purpose Mr. Peyton thinks Colonel Henry L. Peyton, of Virginia, the way formula general of the South. who was formerly a financial agent of the Southern Confederacy in London, will be selected. The latter is now in this city, having lately returned from England, after ten years' residence in London. It is thought likely the consolidating of the debt may carry with it some definite action as to West Virginia's liability for its share

The Richmond correspondent of the Peters-

burg Index says: "Col. Peyton, who was prominently connect ed with the Centennial Exposition, is here with the intention of proffering his good offices for the settlement of the Virginia debt. I wish him success. Exactly what his plan is or how he means to deal with the consol-holders I am not informed. The trouble has always been that the consol-holders are pretty well satisfied with their present situation. They are realizing from U. S. Government his new steamer, "The the others who have attempted to effect a compromise have seen them look with coolness

As far as can at present be ascertained about for fair to choice smooth. Sheep dull; sales at \$4,000 have been paid by Philadelphia banks 3a\$6; receipts 1500. to parties presenting checks which had been abstracted from the mails in New York by the fixed it at \$45,000,000. He owned compara- gang who were arrested in that city on Tuesday, and who have been engaged in robbing the mails going to and coming from New York It is estimated by those in a position to judge for some time past, and who, it is proved, were employes in the Dodd's Express Company.

> Mrs. Cyrus Harding was killed by falling on the ice at her home, in Richmond county, last

MARRIED.

In Washington, at the Church of the Epipha. ny, at 11.80 a. m., Thursday, the 4th instant, by kev.Wm. Paret, D.D., rector, FELIX BRAN-NIGAN, esq., of Jackson, Miss., and Miss SARAH PEGRAM JONES, daughter of the late George H. Jones, of Virginia. No cards.

COMMERCIAL.

The financial situation is unchanged. Business continues dull, and the embarge, by the weather, upon trade has a still further depressing effect. Money is in very little demand for of Representatives, passed the Senate to-day legitimate business purposes, and rates have not changed. In New York the rates have advanced, and call loans are now quoted at 7a7. gold Government bonds continue strong not withstanding the threatening aspect of political affairs, and gold continues to weaken, the closing quotations yesterday being 108;a107. State bonds are quiet and a shade lower, Virginia consols closing at 60% act, with sales of some \$12,000. Coupons brought 862, a slight decline. In local railroad securities there is but little doing, and we note small sales of O., A. M's, at 831. Sales of Chesapeake and Ohio firsts at 151. We quote:

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Orange, Alexa. & Main, Tammon	200	:1
Orange & Alexa. 6s, 1st	-1	*****
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Orange & Alexa. 6s, 2d	600	6.0
Orange & Alexa. 8s, 3d	100	
Orange & Alexa. Ss, 4th	34	
Virginia & Tennessee 6s, 2d	75	50
T7: C /D	- 4	
Virginia & Tennessee, 5s	7.1	0.15
Washington and Ohio bonds		- 73
		1.0
Alexandria Corporation bonds		613

Prices of Produce in Alexandria.

1	Family	-	20	(4)	4 115
	Fancy brands	S	(X)	12	3 23
	WHEAT, common to fair	1	(x)	64	1 25
	Good to prime	1	23	14	1 40
	Choice	1	40	14	1 55
ij	CORN, white	U	51	(4	0.56
	Mixed	12	01	(4	0 50
	Yellow		5÷	(4	11 6
	RYE		(5)	(2)	0.70
	OATS		30	(4	0.35
	TURKEYS	U	11	100	0.13
	BUTTER, prime	13		14	0.25
	Common to middling		10	(4	0.15
1	EGGS		24	(4)	U ::
-	IRISH POTATOES	1		120	1.50
1	ONIONS DRIED CHERRIES, 7 15		75	(:5	1 00
	DRIED CHERRIES, F 15		1.	(3)	1110
	DRIED APPLES		4:	1 2	11 1
	GREEN APPLES. = bbl	2	CU	(12)	2 50
	VEAL CALVES	U	-1	ميذانا	0 6
8	DRESSED HOGS	7	50	(.6	2 22
	BACON, Hams, country		111	(4	0 1
	Best sugar cured Hams Butchers' Hams		10	(4)	0 15
	Butchers' Hams		14	(::	01:
	Western	U	14	(3)	0 15
	Sides	U	11:	(1	0.1:
	Shoulders	11		1:14	0.9
	LARD	1)	14	(2)	0 11
	CLOVER SEED	0	Lk!	(4	5 (A)
	Timothy	-	25	(4	2 0
ļ	PLASTER, ground, per ton.	Ü	(h)	1.4	0.00
	Ground, in bags or bbis	7	(1)	(40	0 (*)
Š	Ground, in bage, ret'd		0	3	0.00
	SALT, G. A. (Liverpool	13	25	17.	3 W
	SALT, G. A. (Liverpool	3	10	1.24	1 20
	Fine		7.5	مان)	1.90
	Turk's Island		37	(6	0.40
	WOOL, long unwashed,	0		(3)	0 25
9	Washed	1,7		10	0 30
	Merino, unwashed	C	22	ين)	0 25
	Do. washed	0		(4	
	SITMAC	1	25	(4	1 5

The market, which for the last week has been dull and drooping, suddenly became active and prices advanced considerably. Flour is stiff at quotations. Wheat and Corn continue in light receipt, only 400 bushels of each arriving since yesterday; but some of the merchants who had supplies in store put them on the market to-lay and prices advanced considerably, and sales were active at quotations. Rye is steady at 7 No Oats reported. Country produce is in active inquiry, and prices generally are ad Dressed Hogs sold at 7.50a\$8.0%. We revise quotations.

LYNCHBURG MARKET, Jan. 4 -The market is very quiet, and owing to the severe weather the receipts of produce are very light. Quotations are nominal. Wheat 129a125; Corn des 60; Rye 60a62; Oats 37a40.

RICHMOND MARKET, Jan. 4.—The market is quiet, and receipts very light. The sales of Wheat only reached 28 bushels at 115 for fair, and 149 for choice. About 500 bushels of Cornwere offered and sold at 5253 for white, and 45

FREDERICKSBURG MARKET, Jan'y, 4 .-- The market is very quiet and receipts of produce nearly suspended on account of the weather. Quotations are nominally 120s140 for Wheat Corn 42845; Ryo 60a62, and Oats 82876.

BALTIMORE SUGAR AND COFFEE MARKET. Sugars-We hear of no movement whatever today in raw Sugars, but the market, though quiet, is steady and unchanged, and we sti

Porto Rico, grocery grades

Eng. Island, fair to good reining. Coffee-The market is strong and excited, with an active demand, but transactions re-

stricted by the urmness of holders and very limited stock. Later advices from Pio represent a strong market there. The only sale reported to-day was 760 bags low grade at 15 cts., gold. We note a further advance of tasc in prices here, and quote job lots ordinary to choice at 182523c, all gold, with buyers at these dgures. ALEXANDRIA CATTLE MARKET, Jan'y. 5.

The market this week shows some improvement on last report, and prices are stiffer. Cattle are in better receipt, and sales were made at 4-55c. A few Calves brought 5c. Sheep quiet at 1-55c. per lb. Hogs have advanced, and sell readily at 84\$8 25 per 100 lbs for dressed; an offer of \$7.50 for live was refused. Cows and Calves dull at 25a550.

NEW YORK CATTLE MARKET, January 4. Beeves—Receipts 991 head. Prices were a tritle higher, and the market was firm; but there was no buoyancy or life to the trade, and design were barely able to close out their offerings The best two carloads in market changed han at 117a12ic per lb; ordinary to prime Steer were sold at 93a11ic; inferior and commo-Steers and Oxen at save per 1b, and Bulls, dry Cows, &c., at Sale per lb live weight.
Sheep and Lambs-Offerings of Sis head There was a very quiet feeling, with a shale ad vance in prices and a slow trade Ordinary to good Sheep ranged from 5a6ic per ib; ordinary to choice Lambs from 5a7c per ib. Hogs—Arrivals 3073 head. None for sale

slive, but a decidedly firm feeling. CHICAGO CATTLE MARKET, Jan. 4 .- Cattle -receips 3400; shipments 2100; market fairly active and a shade higher; common to fair Cows 280a\$3 30; feeders and medium Steers 3 85a\$4 10; good to extra 4 40a\$3 35. Hegsreceipts 24,000; shipments 1200; market activ

Georgetown Cattle Market, Jan's. 4.— The offerings of Beer Cattle this week reached 490 head, with sales ranging from 32 of per 1b. according to quality, for poor to tops. About 430 Sheep were on the market, and sold at prices ranging from 42a51c per lb. A few Cows at 4 Calves brought 20a\$60.

CINCINNATI HOG MARKET, Jan y. 4.-Hogs dull and a shade lower; common 5 94255 90; fair to good light 6256 40; packing 6 50856 75;

heavy 6 80a\$6 90; receipts 11,480; shipments 2 PRIME VIRGINIA BUCKWHEAT 105

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P. S.-Louis Marcs having been expelled from the Alexandria String Band, all orders lot Music should be left with N. B. Medley, Gua-